31st October 1931]

Appendix IX.

[Vide answer to question No. 441 asked by Mr. M. Devadasan at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 31st October 1931, page 267 supra.]

IN THE COURT OF THE SECOND-CLASS MAGISTRATE OF TIRUVADANAI.

Dated 14*th June* 1931.

PRESENT:

M.R.Ry. A. PERIASAMY THEVAR,
Sub-Magistrate.

M.C. No. 4 *of* 1931.

Read—Report, dated 13th June 1931, from the Inspector of Police, Devakottai.

Order.

On a perusal of the report of the Circle Inspector of Police, Devakottai, and his sworn statement it is seen that A. S. John, President of the Adi-Dravida Mahajana Sabha, Ramnad district, is going to convene meetings at Eluvankottai and other places within the limits of Tiruvadanai taluk with the ostensible object of giving lectures about social evils, etc. From June 1930, the feelings between the Nattars (Kallars) on one side and Adi-Dravidas and Pallars on the other side in Eluvankottai and other villages of Tiruvadanai taluk have been strained and they resulted in rioting and public tranquillity and danger to human life. There have been social restrictions on the depressed members by intimidation, collection of fines and threats to persons and property and as such criminal proceedings under section 107, Criminal Procedure Code, were instituted against several Nattars in various villages of Thennalinad and they have been bound over for a period of one year. These proceedings created bitter feelings among the parties.

Under the above circumstances I apprehend that a breach of the peace is likely to occur if A. S. John and other Adi-Dravidas convene public meetings at Eluvankottai on 14th June 1931 and elsewhere within the limits of Tiruvadanai taluk. I, therefore, consider that it is desirable in the interests of the peace and to avert a disturbance of public tranquillity in the locality that the meeting to be held on 14th June 1931 at Eluvankottai and subsequent meetings by the Adi-Dravidas should be prevented by an order under section 144, Criminal Procedure Code. As this is an emergent case I pass the following ex parte order.

A. PERIASAMY THEVAR,
Sub-Magistrate.

14th June 1931.

IN THE COURT OF THE SECOND-CLASS MAGISTRATE. OF TIRUVADANAI.

Dated 14*th June* 1931.

In Mis. Case No. 4 *of* 1931.

PRESENT:

M.R.RY. A. PERIASAMY THEVAR,
Sub-Magistrate.

Order under section 144, *Criminal Procedure Code.*

To

A. S. John, President, Adi-Dravida Mahajana Saba, Ramnad district.

Chellam Samban of Eluvankottai.

Karuppah Samban of Eluvankottai and all Adi-Dravidas and Pallars in the villages of Tiruvadanai taluk.

Whereas it has been made to appear to me that you A. S. John and others are about to convene a communal meeting at Eluvankottai with the ostensible object of lecturing about social evils, etc., on 14th June 1931 and that such a gathering is likely to lead to a breach of peace on account of the strained feelings existing between the Nattars (Kallars) on one side and Adi-Dravidas and Pallars on the other side, I do hereby prohibit you under section 144, Criminal Procedure Code, from holding meetings and giving lectures, etc., at Eluvankottai and anywhere within the limits of Tiruvadanai taluk for such purposes for a period of two months from this date.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, this 14th day of June 1931.

A. PERIASAMY THEVAR,
Sub-Magistrate.

14th June 1931.

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